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NATIONAL TRIBUNE BEAUQUARTERS. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE Headquarters at Chicago during the National Encampment will be in Parlor K. Palmer House, and all comrades, their wives and families are contially invited to call and make themselves at home. They can make appointments to meet their friends there, and have their mail sent to that room

SENATOR GALLINGER is at his old trick of wailing over the amount spent for pensions, and exaggerating the expensiveness of the bills which have been sent to his Com-

FOR the first time in the history of the

Memphis Postoffice, it was closed on Confederate Memorial Day, by Postmaster Dutro, in honor of the rebel dead. There is no warrant in law for such a thing.

IT IS now the beginning of Winter in South Africa, but as Roberts is at the 27th parallel of latitude, about equal to the most southern part of Florida, cold weather should not annoy him much.

THE French are believed to be intrigu-Ing for possession of the great but tottering Empire of Morocco, which has about as many square miles as California, and an ever, the loss is not so material. unknown millions of people. It has im-

GEN. ALGER promptly shows a clean bill of health, by publishing the President's order putting at the appointments in the Cuban Postal Service under the Postmaster-

CAPT. HUGH WILLIAMS, 33d U. S. writes from Vigan, Lazon:

The wealth of this section is in hemp unless you become as lazy as the people The only reason they are not rich is because they won't work any more than will barely support them, and they live on 20 to 15 cents (Mexican)."

THE Sublime Porte seems sublimely Indifferent as to what we propose to do about collecting that little bill. We have given be very significant, as showing an interruption to diplomatic relations. But he takes no notice of it, and retains his Minister

Postmaster-General Smith, whose paper, the Philadelphia Press, has been so rancorous and unfair toward the veterans and pensioners, and so zealous in the service of Benry Clay Evans, has now a good deal of explaining to make on his own account. He selected and appointed every one of the Cuban rascals, and they were under his Eupervision.

SOME months ago the Mayor of Atlanta came to Washington and painted the south ride of Pennsylvania avenue a very lively red. The news got back to Atlanta, and a Minister preached a good, old-fashioned, Comewhat sulphurous sermon on the subfect. The best citizens were aroused, and the Mayor promised them to resign. Then he took a sober second thought-he had gotten sober in the meanwhile-and he told them that he would do nothing of the kind-they could go to. Now the aforesaid best citizens are wondering whether the breach-of-promise law can not be worked

evialism probably as a variant to the numer- a matter for chicane. The principle apous nominations of "favorite sons" from plied in the Quay case is invoked. To this signed. In an interview with a reporter, every cross-roads for the Vice Presidency. It is a "proclamation of outlawry" against -probably high-priced. They make the a man named Fort, who does not seem to be "sharp" point that there was no vacancy at all a favorite son. If he does not sur- when the Legislature was in session-Lee render for trial by a given date he is pro- Mantle's term not really explring until nounced an outlaw, and it will be the duty after the Legisature had adjourned. This of any good citizen coming upon him to is merely legal juggling. In the meanwhile kill him without any farther preliminaries. the Governor of Montana returns, revokes We shall watch how the old thing works. the appointment, on the ground that it was It may be good to try on wife-heaters, made through collusion and fraud, and aptrain-wreekers, and fellows who play points Hon. Martin Maginnis as Senator.

fast week was the enthusiasm of the What the Senate ought to do, and what it Evans is talking the same way as he did Southern Baptists, in convention at Hot probably will do, will be to adopt the Com- about his Tennessee defeat. Springs, Ark., for Expansion. One mittee's report, sweep the whole mass of speaker said: "The war which liberated dirty entanglements off its docket, and Cuba was not one of conquest but hu- leave the seat vacant until it can be properly manity. Circumstances have brought us filled at the next session of the Montana Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, Legislature. Its own dignity will not perand you can't put the chicken back into the mit it to become the prey to practices of It is true that the Boers showed an astonbroken egg-shell." Another said: "It mining sharks. Public morality forbids ishing incapacity for siege operations, seems almost as if the Lord had revealed it. Himself as an Expansionist, and the Baptist line never yet gone back on revela- OUR National character has been fearthe Baptists say in the South goes.

THE NEW PENSION BILL.

We are still waiting for the Interpre tation which Commissioner Evans will put ity, if such is contemplated.

As we have said before, the amendment put no more pressure upon the Commis sioner to compel him to do his duty than existed before. He has claimed of late that he has been grouping disabilities, and giving the claimants the benefit of such a course. The amendments merely empower him to do what he at first claimed from every section in regard to Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, Pension, and Military matters, and letters to the Editor will always receive prompt attention.

| Composer from to do what he at first claimed that he had no power to do, and subsequently that he was doing. Whether he quently that he was doing. Whether he will do it or not, still rests entirely with him. Even the widow's clause only empowers him to do what he had perfect power to do before. A number of other equally nagging requirements remain, and will remain until he decides to remove

A matter of much importance now is whether, in the event of a more liberal interpretation of the law, which the action of Congress favors, new applications will have to be filed by those whose claims have been rejected, and also by those whose daims are nending.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE pointed this danger out editorially some months ago, when the amendments were first introduced. But the theory of the G.A.R. Pension Committee and many lawyers was that the amendments being merely changes in the original law, left that law to stand as it otherwise was, and its language would refer to its original passage They also pointed out the act of March 6,

missed, and a new application shall have been, or shall hereafter be, filed, and a pen-sion has been, or shall hereafter be, allowed in such claim, such pension shall date from the time of filing such first application, provided that the evidence in the case shall show a pensionable disability to have existed, or to exist, at the time of

6, 1896, is, of course, a dead letter. Since Evans has always treated it as such, how-

If the act of May 9 shall be construed as mense resources, which civilization could new legislation, superseding the act of June 27, 1890, and requiring the filing of new claims, and the cutting off of all arrears on those pending or rejected, the responsibility lies with Speaker Henderson Sulloway.

## THE CLARK SEVATORIAL CASE

The Governor of Montana was adverse to him, but the Lieutenant-Governor is his cerned the liberties of the whole people. friend-or at least controllable. Singularly, the Governor of the State had business in San Francisco just at that moment. It may be unjust to the Governor, but people are coming to regard everything in Montana politics as suspicious. The Montana Constitution provides that in the is much gratulation over the success of the dealing with men who are as shrewd and honesty as domestic ones. resourceful as he is, and very much dis-North Carolina pops up a relic of medi- inclined to allow a seat in the Senate to be Clark's lawyers answer with more chicane Mr. Evans said: This adds immensely to the legal complications, beginning with the question as feels that he is an incubus on the Republi-ONE of the unexpected developments to his power to revoke an appointment.

tion." This was the ione of all the speeches fully blackened in the eyes of the whole start. The Boers should have taken the and was received with the greatest en- world by the rascalities of Rathbone, place inside of a week, and an equal numthusiasm. This means something. What Neely, et al., and we owe it to ourselves to ber of American militia would certainly make an example of them.

The utter collapse of the Boer aggres-

siveness is most remarkable. Roberts is

on the amended act of June 27, 1890. As moving scattered columns whither he will the fiscal year is now within a few weeks along a front that must be more than 200 of its close, when substantially all the miles wide without even one of his smallest saving" that can be made for this Ad- and most isolated parties meeting any re ministration will have to be done, we may sistance. He sent a small cavalry column have to wait a few days longer for any off hundreds of miles to the relief of Mafe marked change in the direction of liberal- king, and it encountered no trouble in its long ride. Buller is moving unopposed up the railroad to the east, and will join Roberts just before the latter reaches Pretoria. There is no present explanation for this except complete discouragement on the part of the Boers, but there seems no ground for such abject depression. They have suffered no such severe blows as would justify them in losing all heart. We have been hurt proportionately much worse many times in the second proportionately much worse many the second proportionately much worse many times in the shelter of the locust thicket, to give way to joyful feeling over the manual feel way to joyful feeling over thicket, to give way to joyful feeling over the There is no present explanation for this exfight out of us. It is astonishing that nowhere among them has developed any even subordinate leader—some Captain or Lieutenant, even—who would go out with a times in our history without its taking the few men and attack some outpost or small | British party, and start the current the other way, to encourage his people. There must have been thousands of these opportunities offered in the way that Roberts has been scattering his men to make flank movements, reconnoiter, and bring up trains, which a daring and enterprising young a would-be pursuers, now all across the creek, and forming a line to beat through the woods in search of them.

"I kin see another crick about a half-a-mile further on," said Shorty. "They'd 'a' had us dend to rights if we'd stayed on that side. They'll git them two goober-grabbers sure 's little apples."

"Well." said Si, with a tone of satisfaction, "it'll take 'em all evening, and probably all right, to find out we ain't there. which a daring and enterprising young ably all night, to find out we ain't there. I take a good deal o' country for that crowd to skirmish over. If they don't ketch them country as Roberts is doing through South Africa, without small squads of men harry. Africa, without small squads of men harrying him at every step and from every di-

1896, which was intended to curb Lochren. lack in Washington of any memorial but which he and Evans have wholly whatever to the private soldiers and sailors. He had had nothing to cat since morning ignored and treated as a dead letter. This reads:

whatever to the private soldiers and sailors and not a very satisfactory meal then the men whose statues adorn the city. In grier—they always were, and with their That whenever a claim for pension under the act of June 27, 1890, has been, or shall hereafter be, rejected, suspended, or dismissed, and a new application shall have especially in the older and wealthier parts of the country. Great numbers of these have was food; but none of his old foraging erected beautiful memorials to their soldiers tricks would avail now, when his runi and sailors who followed the flag of the country, and which, compared to the wealth he of the people of the County, represent an exhave existed, or to exist, at the time of filing such first application, anything in any law or ruling of the Department to the contrary notwithstanding.

If the amendments are to be regarded as enacting an entirely new law in place of of lower rank. This is a National reproach, enacting an entirely new law in place of of lower rank. This is a National reproach, the act of June 27, 1890, the act of March and the Grand Army of the Republic, the or the luscious May apples were to be W.R.C., the Ladies of the G.A.R., the Loyal Legion, and the Sons of Veterans should unite in devoting themselves to seeing that his coproach is taken away by as splendid a memorial as money and art can

TAKING what might be termed a States' Rights view of the question, the Supreme and Chairman Sulloway, who rigor. Court has dismissed the appeal of Gov. ously shut off all attempts to amend the Taylor, of Kentucky, on the ground of I wish we had a little salt and a fire. W bill, and make it cover this danger, as well want of jurisdiction. The majority of the as make other desired provisions. Repre. Court holds that Kentucky is a State, in sentatives Curtis and Calderhead, of Kan- the full and free exercise of all her rights sas, were particularly strengous in en- and powers. She has settled the question It needs no cultivation, and simply tumbles over itself growing. With \$15,000 one could become a millionaire in 10 years, and McKenna dissented from portions of viting spread. this opinion, and Justice Harlan made a The Clark case has been marked by the most vigorous dissent. He based this sharp practice characteristic of mine upon the Fourteenth Amendment, which jobbery in the West. Evidently, Clark has been counseled by the high-priced legal sharps that he has employed in accumulating his immense fortune. Nothing could have been more cunning than the devices one of the dearest possessions of a citizen have been more cunning than the devices. pur Minister to Turkey indefinite leave of lating his immense fortune. Nothing could office to which he had been duly elected was sheence, which to any other Nation would have been more cunning than the devices one of the dearest possessions of a citizen, to which he has resorted to hold his seat. that the Legislature of Kentucky, in utter The Committee had unanimously reported defiance of law and of right, and contempt against him, and he knew that the Senate of all evidence, had taken away from Gov. would adopt the report by a large majority. Taylor the office to which he had been elected, and that this action nearly con-

WHILE the proportions of the Cuban steal have fallen far short of the exaggerations of the sensational papers, it is infamously large, and will reach a quarter of a million dollars. The disclosures are sickening. Rathbone, Neely, and their sub-Governor's absence all his powers devolve ordinates, seem to have gone to the island unreservedly upon the Lieutenant-Governor. with a predetermination to loot it, and they He scarcely gets out of the State, when went to work with an audacity as shame-Clark resigns, in order to forestall action less as their Spanish predecessors. The upon the Committee's report. It is lose Administration is showing a commendable spirit. connection all round, and everything is vigor in probing the matter to the bottom, Senate orders Clark's name dropped from deserved punishment. This can hardly the roll and this is held to complete the be made too severe. We owe this to the vacancy. The Lieutenant-Governor is good name of the country, which has been notified, and at once appoints Clark to fill so sadly tarnished by these scoundrels. the vacancy. It looks as if this puts Clark and it is necessary, at the outset of our in the seat and screws him down, and there colonial policy, that by exemplary punishment we warn officials that island offices smart trick. But in this case Clark is must be administered with as rigorous

> THE Philadelphia Press, Postmaster-General Smith's paper, published a state-

"There is not a scintilla of truth in the report. I not only have not resigned, but do not propose to. I shall serve out my term as Commissioner of Pensions. According to reports, I have resigned at least once a month during the past two years. No; there is no prospect of a severance of my official duties. There is no friction anywhere, and I am working along, en-

Probably the Press was far nearer the truth than Evans. The Press has been a strongholder of Evans, but now everybody can party and wants to get rid of him.

THERE can be no praise too high for the little garrison of Mafeking, which for seven long months maintained an obstinate defense against a large force of Boers. but this does not diminish the credit due the defenders, who were nearly all civilians, and greatly outnumbered from the have done so.



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The Boys Secure Another Supply of Food. Si and Shorty took a few minutes, after getting well into the shelter of the locust

A deep gully ran down from higher round. This was heavily bordered on plainly see the railroad, bridge, and their would-be pursuers, now all across the creek,

to-morrow morning. In the meanwhile we'll be huntin' the north star, and puttin sacred soil between them and us.

rection. We encountered that sort of thing in the South up to the very day of surrender.

THE G.A.R.'s contribution of a splendid statue of Gen. U. S. Grant to the National Capital reminds us again of the singular look in West's and the surrender of Si's encourses to lead of the splendid statue of Gen. U. S. Grant to the National Capital reminds us again of the singular look in West's and Si's encourses to lead to the singular look in West's and Si's encourses to look in the south of the singular look in West's and Shorty. Let's pike ahead awhile yit. There's a good deal o' go left in us, and le's use it up. Every mile that we kin make now counts. The crest of the hill trended northward and was thickly covered with woods, the comparative case while the light lasted. But in spite of Si's encourses to

object in life was to keep out of sight. When he realized that he was hungry he became all at once very hungry-famished. He looked back and saw that

He finally saw a cornfleld at a little distance, which it seemed that he could up proach without much danger of being seen, as it was now growing quite dark. He halted the boys under the shadow of the trees, while he and Shorty slippe

forward. They found the little ears of corn igle one to a stalk—were in the milk.
"Party slim kind o' feed for hard march." said Si, as he and Shorty gathered arms full of the ears. "But it'll have

"Might as well wish for a whole comsary train, while you're about it,'

gramided Shorty.

They carried their loads back to the boys, and Shorty irreverently whisiled the cavalry feed call, as he dumped his on the ground, and Si called to the rest to come up and lay hold. Hungry as the boys right to interfere. Justices Brewer, Brown | were, they looked with dismay at the unin-

"Never fleard before of anything but coons cating green corn in the ear, Said Harry Joslyn, as he peeled off the husk and surveyed the rows of milk-white grains. 'Don't seem human."

doing his share by way of example, "We've got to have something to travel on till we kin find something better.

more o' this you eat the more chance you'll have o' gittin' something good." "I begin to understand Nebuchadnezzar's feelings when he was turned out to grass," murmured Monty Seruggs, "I wonder, if we keep this up, if our bair will grow like

connection all round, and everything is vigor in probing the matter to the bottom, of consultation, "that we want to bear done by telegraph. The President of the and we believe will bring every rascal to generally to the northwest. We crossed that road runnin' from Macon a good deal east of the town. We want to bear around to the left until we come to the railroad running south from Atlanty to Macon, that we came down on. If we keep near that it'll take us back to Atlanty.

"Don't know about workin' over too clost to that railroad," responded Shorty dubiously.
"I believe we'll come out better by keep in' as due north as we kin. The last boys that came into Andersonville said that our army was workin' over toward the east o Atlanty, to a place called Decatur. We may hit 'em straight by bearin' off to the east, and comin' in from that direction. We may run right into 'em somewhere makin' one of old Uncle Billy's flank move-

ments. "Great Scott, if we only could," said Si so transported at the thought, that he abandoned his northwestering, and began heading due north. "If we could only run right into the old Fourteenth Corps, and see the old Acorn flag flying from Gen. Davis's Headquarters on a hill, and see the division flags on other hills in front, and find the 200th Injumy coming through the woods, with Co. Q thrown out as skirmish ers, and Cap. McGillicuddy in command but he must be a Major by this time. Wouldn't it be just too grand to hear his voice ringin' through the woods, as he voice ringin' through the woods, as a voice ringin' through the woods, as a wood work out, 'Forward on the right. Keep your distances. Don't huddle up,' and

"Si," admonished Shorty, "that green "Si," admonished Weain't without corn's went to your head. We ain't within 75 miles o' Sherman yit, and the whole rebel army's betwixt us and him, not to say nothin' of about a million citizens and sneaking conscripters."

They had reached the brow of the hill.

which commanded a view of a "big road" for a long distance. The intervals between the showers were becoming longer, and in these the moon would struggle to come out from behind the clouds, and illuminate the country. Si and Shorty had gone forward a little ways, to study the road and decide whether to go down into it and follow it, or make their way across it,

and continue on through the woods. They saw a man, apparently a planter, de along, followed by an old negro on a

"there don't seem to be no other bizniss me for a man that'd go around the country going on in this country than rakin' up the offal of humanity to put into the army. They put a feller into the army and git him wounded, and then send him back home "Air you rayly a Methodist?" asked the country to have the back on the country of the feller to batch. They put a feller into the army and git him wounded, and then send him back home to rake up some other feller to ketch a Yankee bullet. I'd like to see the army they're gethering up there around Atlanty, it must look like Resurrection Morn in a country graveyard, just after Gabriel has country graveyard, just after Gabriel has blowed his horn. Old Sherman must be pushing 'em mighty hard, when they're getherin' up all this riff-raff to put into the field agin him. There's one satisfaction. When he licks this crowd his work's done. They won't have nobody for even homeguards."

Methodist Church."

"Air you raviy a Methodist?" asked the soprano, who had stoppped singing when the dogs barked.

"You just bet yer life I am." Shorty strict to say, but he corrected himself. "Storted to say, but he corrected himself.

"Found grace, Shoriy," whispered Si, who had slipped up closer.

"I mean I found grace when I was very young. Yo' must know my failher. He's a deacon"

"Elder, Shorty," said Si. "Methodists

"They're going the way we want to," said the practical Si. "They're pintin' out our direction, and" ceing yell from Pete Skidmore's

lips startled them. They started to hurry back, when a similar yell broke out from Sandy Baker. andy Baker.
When they arrived, they found the two voice. "I know Elder Barnstable very

Inflanny allowin' our women folks to put themselves on sich equality with a nigger. The chatter o' these galloots makes me cramps. Co right along, now, afo' we see yo'."

Inflanny allowin' our women folks to put drap o' likker in the house. Yer boys've "Plenty o' nice gals'd snap yo' up in a minuit. Stand up that agin, and le' me stale."

don't have no deacons."

"As I was sayin', he's an elder in the church — Elder Elitott, o' Tucsawhachee Creek. Yo' must sartinly done hearn tell o' him."

"Can't jest remember that I've ever done



"CAN'T JEST REMEMBER THAT P'VE" EVER DONE HEARN O' ELDER ELLIOTT." SAID THE SOPRANO.

boys writhing on the ground, with the well, and've set under Elder Tryon, and others standing around with white faces, and their hands placed apprehensively their own stomachs.
What in the world's the maiter? Don't

"What in the world's the maiter? Don't of you know better than yell this way, even if you were dying?" sternly demanded Si.
"But I am dying," groaned Pete. "I shan't live five minutes longer."
And he yelled again, in mortal agony "Tell me what in the world's the matter?" SI demanded again, an Shorty took Pete in his arms, and tried to quiet him.
"He's met collection matter that green."

"He's get colic from eating that green grandfathers. We'uns air lone women." arn on an empty stomach," answered if Russell, "and we're all afraid we're all little shavers not big enough yit to raise a ing to have it too."

Nonsense," said Si sternly. "You're "Nonsense," said Si sternly. "You're of goin' to have it, and you mustn't have

've got no time for rich foolishness We're got to make a long march I'll tie the first one of you up by the

thinking of something else than their atomachs, and the griping symptoms abated. But Pete and Sand, were too far gone to be frightened into calmess. Pete protested that he had been poisoned, likely bitten by one of those snakes back there when he was not booking, and that all that he wanted was for them to stay with sand, but not so demonstration.

"Say, I've got something that 'll cure nd dug it up, and brung it along, thinking along thinking
You know it's
There, Pete,
body admires hit."

"Uniform o' our rijimint, Miss," said
Shorty. "Mouty nice uniform. Every-

other. Mebbe we kin git some grub."

He was in agony as to the questions that Si and Shorty separated them, and by he time the excitement was over the pains the old woman might ask the had aisated so that the march could be re-

sumed, though Sandy and Pele werestill he had allowed them to go in. He started suffering and very weak.

They descended into the road, and went up as to follow them in.

"No, no; yo' mustn't come in," said the

as best we kin."
"I tell you what, I'm goin' to do it all the same," said Shorty, so firmly that his partner knew that it was no use opposing his determination. "I can't stand it to see bad to fitivate a

that boy suffer, no matter what comes to me. The rest of you kin go on."

They presently saw at a little distance from the right-hand side of the road lights

n a fairly-good hewed log house, A woman was vigorously singing in a high but faded soprano,

When I can read my title clear To mansions in the skies, I'll free my heart from every fear, And wipe my weeping eyes.

Another-a contralto veice-was ocisionally joining in.
"They're Methodists up there," said Si recognizing the hymn.

"Hide there in the brush, while I go up," said Shorty. "You kin watch what becomes o' me."

The dogs stormed out at him.
"Helfo, the house," he called from th

"O, my darlin' May;

Yo're lublier dan de day; Yo're eyes so bright, dey shine at night,

When de moon am gone away.'

"Hello," came back in a strong but not unpleasing contraits voice. "Who air yo', and what do yo'uns want? If you're soljers, go right long about yer bizniss. We'uns haint got nothin' ter eat, more'n we'uns need ourselves. We'uns air only a couple o' lone wimmen, but the Jinerul's give strict orders that we air not ter be disurbed, and if we air, we've only ter blow

help."
"He's all right," whispered the anxious
Si to the boys. "There's only women "We air soljers on our way ter our rifimint," said Shorty, imitating the Southern pronunciation, "and we'uns don't mean

no harm, especially ter ladies, Miss 'uns is foutin' fur the ladies, and allers willin' ter font fur 'em, whenever they may need hit. We'uns's Jawgyians and gen-tlemen, Miss."
"Well, I'm mouty glad ter heah hit,"

Inflanny allowin our women, themselves on sich equality with a nigger. The chatter o' these galloots makes me sick."

Then came along the inevitable squad of conscripters, with a gang of halting, unhappy recruits.

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"Yo' appear ter be a very well-favored man," she announced. "Air yo' ingaged, or have yo' bin keepin' stiddy company with ary gai?"

"No, indeed. I've bin in the army ever

interruption to her sentences that he could not account for. Her words would become soprano, who had stoppped singing when arter the war?"
"Nothin' would suit me better," Shorty

"Elder, Shorty," said Si. "Methodista

what rimint do yo' belong ter?" she asked. Shorty repeated the old story of belong-ing to Col. Whately's regiment, and Cap' Cadlip's company.

"Cap'n Alston Cadlip," she said with astonishment. "Why, he's my cousin by marriage married Sally Harkness, my own cousin. I'm expectin' him hyah every minnit. I've done bin watchin' the road fer him while I've bin settin' out hyah chilly and the said of the said alkin' ter yo'. Yo' see we hain't seed him ence the war begun. He sent us word his mornin' that his rijimint'd bin ordered ter Allanty, and that he'd send his com-pany on the railroad, under Looienant Pringle, but that he and two or three other cousins of our n'd ride acrost the country, critter-back, and visit us, and then go over ter the Atlanty railroad and take the kears from they Sixter Solly she that his rom thar. Sister Sally—she that his vife's named arter—'s bin cookin' fer him wife's named arter—'s bin cookin' fer him all day. She's got the table sot, all rendy fer him and his friends, and the kittle bilin' on the fire. I've bin watchin' ter see him raise that hill over yander."

The other woman came out with a couple of pillows and a blanket in her hand.

"Sister May," she said, "I've done dosed them boys with peppermint tea, until they're cured, but they'uns 's in no condition for travel sich a night as this? Do

shorty noticed that there was a queer

iffied, as if by something in her mouth. "How do yo' like this part o' the coun-

"Would yo' like ter settle down hyah

"Me and sister owns this 250 nere farm."

he said musingly. I need a nice, likely bung man, ter take keer of me and hit, and keep hit from gwine ter wrack and

ruin, and look arter the lazy niggers."
"Great Jehosephat," shuddered Shorty;
"she may have a minister back there in the

ase, and marry me before I kin git away

"What'd yo' say yer name was, an'

But I'm goin' to have some grab for the

she asked, tentatively.

dition for travel sich a night as this? Do yo' know that they ackehelly belong to Cap'n Cudlip's company? Well, they ask do. I thought that they could lay down hyah on the porch till Cap'n Cudlip come up, and then he could say what ter do

Sandy and Pete came out behind her, looking scared and confused, and trying to see Shorty, and catch some hint from

"Miss May," said Shorty, rising, and "Miss May, said Snorty, rising, and looking over toward the tail sweep. "I'm powerful thirsty. Is that anything that at the well ter drink outen?" "No," she maswered, "but I'll go inside

Elder Ramsey, and ——
"What did yo' say yo' wanted?" inquired the contralto voice, to whom the
conversation seemed to be getting prolix.
"We've got a couple o' boys who're
nearly dead with eramp-colic. Hain't
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Shorty sprang up the steps and seized the
horn. "Come on, boys, quick," he shouted.
Si leaped up the steps, and caught the
elder woman around her waist, and put "Boys? Boys?" said the soprano, suspiciously. "What do yo'uns mean by boys? Yo'uns now-a-days call everybedy in the army boys, though they may be grandfathers. We'uns air lone women."

"But these air only boys—real boys—little shavers not big enough yit to raise a mustach, or chaw terbacker, or swear in more'n words o' one syilable."

"Yo' may send 'em in, then," said the younger of the women with some hesitation. "Yo' know we'uns 's lone women, an' mustn't let men come inter our house, specially arter dark. Our characters'd be gone. Bring they'uns up hyah, and we'll call off the degs."

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and, but not so demonstrative nor so the machine of said the younger of the women, scanning and, but not so demonstrative nor so them as they came into the narrow circle of dim light. "Mere children, that orter to the span to rain again, hard, while Si was rubbing Sandy's stomach, and Shorty Pete's, to relieve their pain.

The splendid old 2d N. H. grieves particularly, but veterans everywhere will purty, too. Look like rayl nice boys." "As nice boys as ever fived, Miss," said Harriet P. Dame, who passed away at Con-As face boys as ever fived, Miss, said Harriet P. Dame, who passed away at Consing a bulb from his pecket, with an air of triumph. "Just happened to think of it."

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"Uniform o' our rijimint, Miss," said As she could not carry a musket, she went "taking a preliminary nibble, that green corn in the ear gives horses cobe. My, it take a big bite, and chew it up fine and tastes worse'n the wall-pasts I core et when I was a little kid."

"Eat hearty, boys. Fill up on it," adjured Si, gnawing away vigorously on an ear, for good example. "My rule in life is when you can't get what you like, like to rhavin' ears about this time o' year. We kin git along without havin' em roasted or havin' salt and butter on 'em. We kin get the salt and butter on 'em. We kin get the salt and butter some other time."

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"In a wiful good medicine. There, Pete, take a big bite, and chew it up fine and ewallow it in price, and it'll cure you. There, Sandy, you take the rest. That'll fetch you around all right."

The two boys did as directed. Pete suddenly emitted a yell of greater anguish than before, and the lines of the soprano voice. "The kittle's billin' on the fire now, an' l'Il fix yo' some exilition the sick of the regiment, and the lines of line in the worth many men to the Union cause in the soil."

As she turned to let the boys enter the door the light fell full upon her face and figure, and Shorty, who had been rather in which she was making broth for the sick. She was taken prisoner at the second Bull which she was possed back through the lines in hit."

"O, my mouth's all on fire! It's burning up! All Russell, dod durn your hide, you're and she with the 2d N. H. to do what goo along with the 2d N. H. to do what good a and nasty things for medicine. I'm just going to knock your trifling head off for this trick."

Sandy blew the pieces out of his mouth, and jumped to join his partner in executing vengeance on Alf Russell.

Signal Shorty separated them, and by She gave the money toward building a she was doctoring them, and repented that home for the veterans of the 2d N. H. at

we keep this up, if our hair will grow that eagle's feathers, and our nails like birds' claws?"

They descended into the road, and went morthward along it. Lete and Sandy made a brave cflort to keep up, and their meal, and left a large portion of the ears untouched. Still, they felt a little strength spirit.

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"Great Jehospehat, what a beauty she must be," though Shorty "H "Great Jenospenat, what a beauty sne must be," though Shorty. "It won't be bad to titivate a little with her."

Then a swift memory of Maria made the thought of such treason odious. But he had to get food for the boys, and a personal "Yahoos." held their Annual Reunion at their beloved commander's Summer home, Edgewater, N. J., May 6, with a large number present. There are but 235 of the acrifice was necessary.

"Yes," he answered in his most honeyed Reunion was the story of the General's tones. "Hit's very hard on the ladies, this successful struggle with fortune to recoup war. Hit must be very hard on a purty big losses. The General had been a very his losses. The General had been a very lady like yo', who everybody wants ter see, and"—

"How do yo' know I'm purty?" said she with a pleased giggle. "Yo' can't see a mite o' me, settin' hyah in the shadder o' these vines. Go 'long with yo'. Yo don't know I'm purty at all."

"Indeed I do," responded Shorty with fervor. "I know hit jest as well as I'm a-livin'. I know hit jest as well as I'm a-livin'. I know hit by your voice. A lady must be purty that has so sweet a voice as yours. Yo' remind me of what the poet says—Shakspere or Tom Moore, I fergit which.

wealthy man, and one of the leaders of Philadelphia's most select society. President Harrison appointed him Minister to Spain, and he made a brilliant figure in the Castilian court. But the panic of 1893 swept everything away, and he came home from Spain a ruined man. It was a bitter experience for a man who had long been in the enjoyment of the best things this world affords. But he came down to hard-pan with a vim that would have done honor to wealthy man, and one of the leaders of with a vim that would have done honor to the youngest man. A new company was formed, with the General's brother-in-law at the head, and the General donned coarse working clothes, and went to work at 60 cents a day and his board in one of the furnaces he formerly owned at Sheridan, Pa. He kept this up for seven long months, and then got a promotion. He made the "Why, how puffeckly sweet," she tittered. enthusiastically. "And May's my name. How in the world did you ever find that plant just pay expenses through the hard times, and when the boom in iron came he was in shape to take advantage of it. The "O. I knowed hit the minute I heared yer voice. I knowed that a lady with sich a voice must be called May. No other name Sheridan property and his Virginia oremines went up in value faster than they had gone down, and the General found himself a rich man again. One of the first 'd suit her. Can't I come up thar on the steps and set down neareder yo'?"
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"Don't yo' durst come a step neareder, or I'll blow the horn. Yo' see I done got it right hyah, handy."

She picked up the long tin horn, and brandished it in the air.

"Yo' kin set right thar on the woodpile and the transport Meade, has accepted an invitation of the more than the state of the made of his wealth was to reopen his luxuriant Summer home, and invite his old comrades to meet him there.

Maj-Gen. E. S. Otis, now en route from Manila to San Francisco on board the transport Meade, has accepted an invitation of the made of his wealth was to reopen his luxuriant Summer home, and invite his old comrades to meet him there.

an' talk ter me," she continued in a more placatory tone. "That'll be nice. Find the saft chunk an' make yo' yerself compact to the first banquet to be given in his honor, welcoming him to his home and country. This is to be the first banquet he will receive well, I'm mostly glad for heah fift, a saft chunk an make yo 'yerself comfine horse, with a young white girl seated behind with her arm around the negro's want?"

"Talk about nigger equality," said Si. "There's the planter's daughter ridin' on the same horse with that darky, and her arm around him. Think o'any of usin

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"We'l, I'm mostly glad for heah fift, a saft chunk an make yo 'yerself comfortable. Tell me some more poickry. Yo's seem ter be a mouty nice sort of a man. Any yo' married?"

"We done go's a couple o' boys out byah that air powerful sick with the cramps."

"Thar' thar'! that'll do," said the voice while he tried to think how to get hold of the horn. "Nobody'll have me."

"O, pshaw; what nonsense," she giggled.